

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Tom Berry, on February 17, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 481, 2/12/2015; HB 515, 2/16/2015; SB 22, 2/13/2015

Executive Action: HB 17, HB 306, HB 449; HB 470, HB 503, SB 41

00:00:01 Chairman Berry

HEARING ON SB 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:12 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 22, Revise social work, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:40 Kimberly Gardner, Board of Social Work and Professional Examiners

[EXHIBIT\(buh36a01\)](#)

00:05:12 Rep. Olsen arrived.

00:10:34 John Wilkinson, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers, Montana Chapter; Montana Licensed Clinical Professionals; Licensed Montana Family Therapy Association

[EXHIBIT\(buh36a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh36a03\)](#)

00:14:54 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(buh36a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:56 Sen. Cohenour

HEARING ON HB 515

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:31 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 515, Revise Montana's probate code.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:40 Dirk Williams, Trust and Estates Attorney, Missoula, Self

00:25:02 Lon Dale, Attorney, Missoula, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:33 Rep. Olsen

00:28:42 Lon Dale, Self

00:30:59 Rep. Olsen

00:31:37 Lon Dale, Self

00:32:08 Rep. Olsen
00:33:45 Lon Dale, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:09 Rep. Curdy

HEARING ON HB 481

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:00 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 481, Revise security transaction exemption laws to allow certain transactions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:38 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:34 Rep. Moore
00:48:34 Rep. Hunter
00:48:39 Rep. Pope
00:49:25 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:50:16 Rep. Pope
00:50:48 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:51:10 Rep. Pope
00:51:39 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:51:47 Chairman Berry
00:52:14 Rep. Hunter
00:52:25 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:52:42 Chairman Berry
00:52:45 Rep. Hunter

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:57 Rep. Hunter

00:53:13 Chairman Berry

00:54:07 Recessed.

01:16:08 Reconvened with Rep. Noland, Rep. Pierson absent.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 17

01:16:14 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 17 DO PASS.**

01:16:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 17 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote of those present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 306

01:16:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 306 DO PASS.** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Hunter, Rep. Kipp, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Pope and Rep. Steenberg voting aye. Rep. Noland and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

01:18:18 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 306 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote of those present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 449

01:18:42 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 449 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:18:51 Rep. Hunter

01:19:14 Rep. Lynch

01:19:38 Rep. Pope

01:21:13 Rep. Moore

01:21:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Hunter, Rep. Kipp, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Pope and Rep. Steenberg voting no. Rep. Noland and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 470

01:22:44 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 470 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:22:55 Rep. Lynch

01:23:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote of those present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 503

01:23:26 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 503 DO PASS.**

01:24:11 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 503 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(buh36a05)

Discussion:

01:24:26 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:25:14 Chairman Berry

01:25:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Noland voted by proxy.
Rep. Pierson did not vote.

01:25:27 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 503 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(buh36a06)

Discussion:

01:25:44 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:26:10 Chairman Berry

01:26:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Noland and Rep. Pierson
voted by proxy.

01:27:02 Chairman Berry

01:27:10 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:27:24 Chairman Berry

01:27:28 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:27:38 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 503 BE AMENDED CONCEPTUALLY
TO REMOVE FROM PAGE 3, LINE 11, THE WORDS "AND LOST RESERVE
AMOUNTS."**

Discussion:

01:27:53 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:28:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote of those present.

01:28:18 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 503 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:28:29 Rep Hunter

01:29:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Hunter, Rep.
Kipp, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Pope and Rep. Steenberg
voting no. Rep. Noland and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

01:30:22 Chairman Berry

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 41

01:30:30 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 41 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:30:42 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 41 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(buh36a07)

Discussion:

01:31:05 Chairman Berry

01:31:23 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:32:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Noland and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

01:32:49 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 41 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:32:57 Chairman Berry

01:33:07 Rep. Moore

01:33:12 Rep. Pierson arrived.

01:33:16 Chairman Berry

01:33:17 Rep. Lynch

01:33:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Noland voted by proxy. Rep. Steenberg will carry the bill.

01:33:50 Chairman Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:34:23

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh36aad.pdf](#))